

This letter is in support of Tri-County Addition Services application to provide prevention services in regards to underage drinking in the community.

As Powell County Commissioners, we feel these services are valuable in our community and believe on-going programs should continue in order to benefit youth and law enforcement.

We fully support the proposal by Sarah M. Frazer, LAC and Tri-County Addiction Services to better the prevention services in the community and their commitment to participating as a spokesperson for these issues and as visible community support of this effort.

Respectfully,

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Presiding Officer

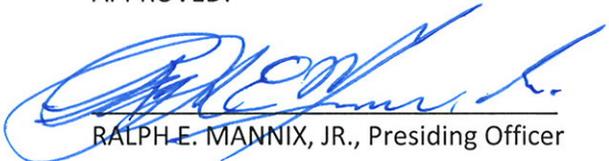
s/ Cele Pohle, Member

s/ Donna Young, Member

The drawing of salary warrants for Officers, Deputies, Foremen, Clerks and Appointees from various accounts for the month of February, 2013, were approved and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 4, 2013

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Members Cele Pohle and Donna Young.

Fair Board minutes were provided by committee member Commissioner Mannix.

Michelle Wheatley, Acting Park Superintendent, introduced herself and talked about her role as acting Superintendent of the National Park Service.

At 11:00 A.M., the Board did a bond inspection. The county has no outstanding bonds at this time.

Claims against the County were examined, approved and ordered paid by the Board of Commissioners for the month of February, 2013, and a record of such is on file in the office of the Clerk and Recorder.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:


RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:


DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 5, 2013

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Presiding Officer Ralph E. Mannix, Jr. and Members Cele Pohle and Donna Young.

Commissioner Pohle moved to appoint Charles A. Brand to the Deer Lodge Landfill Board and Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commissioners viewed the house at 105 N. Main Street that the county purchased for a required easement for the Main Street Bridge.

Cory Claussen with True North Steel visited with the Board about the history of the company.

The following letter was received from the Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club:

March 1, 2013

Powell County Commissioners
Court House
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club, and I would like to Thank You for placing our organization on the list that allows free usage of the Community Center for our monthly meetings.

We met there last month and we are looking forward to using it again. The facility is fantastic and we really enjoy the fact that we have the privilege of being able to use it. Please feel free to call David Scully at 406-846-2582 if there is anything different that you would like us to do.

Thank you again! Community help like this is what allows nonprofit organizations like ours to stay afloat.

Sincerely,

s/ David Scully
Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club
715 Kohrs
Deer Lodge, MT 59722

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:



RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:



DIANE S. GREY, Clerk

Deer Lodge, Montana

March 6, 2013

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County, Montana, met in regular session at 10:00 o'clock A.M. Present: Members Cele Pohle and Donna Young. Presiding Officer Mannix was in Helena giving a presentation on our weed projects to the Montana Weed Trust Board.

The following letter was received from Ken Salazar:

Dear County Commissioner:

As you are likely aware, due to the failure of Congress to reach a deal on balanced deficit reduction to avoid sequestration, the President issued a sequestration order canceling approximately \$85 billion in budgetary resources across the Federal Government for the remainder of the Federal fiscal year. As a partner of the Department of the Interior (DOI), I wanted to provide you with timely and clear information about how these unfortunate budget cuts will impact payments made in June for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) program.

Based on the President's report to Congress, there will be a 5.1 percent reduction in the PILT program, reducing 2013 payments to counties by this amount. In 2012, the total payments to over 1,850 counties were \$393 million. I cannot tell you at this time the amount of your county's payments because the formula, which is set by law, considers acreage, population, prior year revenue payments, and incorporates an inflationary adjustment. We will be calculating the amounts in preparation of the June payment. However, we do know that as a result of the sequester the amount we would have paid you based on the formula will be

reduced by 5.1 percent, a total of \$21 million for the entire program. This is about 2.3 percent of \$9 million below the 2012 program level.

I am keenly aware of DOI's responsibility to local governments to ensure timely issuance of these payments. We plan to issue payments as usual in June 2013. States and counties rely on PILT funding to maintain critical services and our efforts to meet this responsibility continue to be of paramount importance. If sequestration is subsequently corrected, we would issue payments to counties with the balance of the PILT payments due to local governments.

We will also continue to keep you informed as additional information becomes available. Thank you for your continued efforts to provide services to the areas surrounding our Nation's Federal lands.

Sincerely,

s/ Ken Salazar
Secretary of Interior

The following Promissory Note was signed:

PROMISSORY NOTE

The Board of Commissioners for Powell County (Board) has agreed to make a loan to the Deer Lodge Refuse Disposal District, a Political Subdivision of Powell County, Montana (DLRDD) in the amount of the \$100,000.00. DLRDD agrees to accept the loan, on the following terms:

1. The amount of the loan shall be \$100,000.00. The Powell County Treasurer will transfer the funds by journal voucher as of August 1, 2012. The loan shall bear the interest of 2% per annum.
2. The loan shall be repaid by DLRDD in three equal installments of thirty-four thousand dollars (\$34,000.00) each. The first payment shall be made on or before August 1, 2013, and a like payment shall be made on or before August 1 of each year thereafter until the principal and interest due hereunder have been paid in full.
3. The DLRDD may prepay principal or interest due on this loan at any time without penalty.
4. Any default of the DLRDD must be cured within 60 days of receipt of written notice of default from the Board. Failure by DLRDD to cure the default shall render the entire remaining balance due hereunder due and payable in full.

Done this 6th day of March, 2013.

DEER LODGE REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT

s/ Jim Magone, Chairman

POWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

s/ Ralph E. Mannix, Jr., Presiding Officer

s/ Cele Pohle, Member

s/ Donna Young, Member

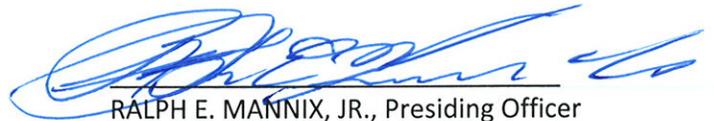
A letter from the Montana Department of Transportation (MDOT) regarding the Courthouse walks and curbing was received. This is a Community Transportation Enhancement Program (CTEP) project. The letter authorizes the Consultant Services for the project.

At 2:00 P.M., the Board held a meeting regarding Law Enforcement. Those attending were Planner Brian Bender, Sheriff Scott Howard and County Attorney Lewis Smith. Discussion of the letter received from Susan Callaghan dated February 26, 2013 was held. A response will be sent to the City of Deer Lodge from County Attorney Lewis Smith.

County Attorney Lewis Smith will prepare a letter to be sent to Matt Pearce of MAPS for a consulting fee for the continuation of support of support for the 9-1-1 and rural addressing.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 o'clock P.M.

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ralph E. Mannix, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

RALPH E. MANNIX, JR., Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Diane S. Grey", written over a horizontal line.

DIANE S. GREY, Clerk